



RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING

RULE CHANGE NOTICE

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Re: amendments to the Rules for the Classification and Survey of Small Craft, ND No. 2-020101-147, version 01.09.2025

Instructions on application:

1. Bring the content of the Rule Change Notice to the attention of surveyors of the RS Branch Offices.
 2. Apply the provisions of the Notice in the RS practical activity from the entry-into-force date of the amendments.
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**AMENDMENTS
TO THE RULES FOR THE CLASSIFICATION AND SURVEY OF SMALL CRAFT (01.01.2025)**

REVISION HISTORY

PART I. GENERAL (01.09.2025)

Item	Applied to	Description	Remarks
Para 1.4 (new)	Application	Requirement has been introduced for application of the SC Rules to particular types and categories of small craft flying the flag of the Russian Federation	
Para 3.1.1	Principles of classification of small craft	Provision has been introduced for possibility of classification of a small craft with assignment of the Register class	
Para 3.1.6 (new)	Principles of classification of small craft	Requirement has been introduced for additional documentation to be submitted for small craft specified in new para 1.4, to define and confirm the purpose of small craft	
Para 6.9	Survey of small craft	Requirement has been introduced for taking into account documents specified in new para 3.1.6, during survey of small craft	

PART I. GENERAL

1 APPLICATION

New para 1.4 is introduced reading as follows:

"**1.4** In addition to 1.1, the requirements of these Rules apply only to the following ships flying the flag of the Russian Federation:

.1 ships built or equipped for towing, prospecting, exploration and exploitation (production) of minerals, construction, track works, hydraulic engineering, underwater engineering and other similar works, pilotage and icebreaking, as well as for the implementation of measures to protect water objects from pollution and clogging;

.2 ships built or equipped for cargo handling (floating cranes, reloaders (transshipment vessel), heaters).".

3 PRINCIPLES OF CLASSIFICATION AND CATEGORIES

3.1 PRINCIPLES OF CLASSIFICATION

Para 3.1.1 is supplemented with the following paragraph:

"Classification of small craft, specified in 1.4, may be performed with assignment of class of the Register. During design and construction of such small craft the applicable requirements of RS Rules/C, SFV Rules, RS Rules/CHG, RS Rules/LL, Tonnage Rules/IN, Rules TSDCS, PPS Rules, Guidelines on Technical Supervision of Ships under Construction are used. During survey of such small craft in service the applicable provisions of the Rules TSSS are applied.".

New para 3.1.6 is introduced reading as follows:

"**3.1.6** In addition to 3.1.2 — 3.1.4, for the small craft specified in 1.4, information and relevant documentation, including drawings, diagrams, manufacturer's instructions, maintenance, repair records, etc., confirming the purpose of the small craft, as well as characteristics of machinery, arrangements, systems and equipment, shall be submitted to the Register in order to determine the scope of the documentation to be submitted, as well as surveys, measurements and tests necessary for the classification of the small craft with the definition of its purpose, which will be recorded in the reporting documents of the Register.".

6 DOCUMENTS TO BE ISSUED

Para 6.9 is amended as follows:

"**6.9** During survey of the small craft technical appliances, equipment and outfit, the documents confirming compliance with the requirements of 3.1.2, and, if applicable, documents specified in 3.1.6, shall be taken into account.".